

VERMONT

STATE RANKING **41**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE **11.5** out of 100 points

A Gender Parity Score of 50 indicates a state has reached gender parity in elected office. Gender parity is defined as the point at which women and men are equally likely to hold elected office in the state.

- 0.0 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 1.3 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 10.3 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 0.0 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

11.5 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

Vermont is one of three states (along with Delaware and Mississippi) that have never elected a woman to Congress.

Women Statewide Executives

Vermont continues its downward slip in the gender parity index with losses in the state legislature; however, Beth Pearce was elected to state treasurer after having been appointed in 2011 by Governor Shumlin.

Three women have served as lieutenant governor, including Madeleine M. Kunin (1979-1982). In 1984, Kunin was elected governor. In 1986, she was re-elected. In 1988, Kunin became the only woman in U.S. history to have been elected to serve three terms as governor.

Women State Legislators

Vermont has consistently outperformed the nation in women's representation in its state legislature, and the trend since 2001 has been positive.

Cities and Counties

None of Vermont's 5 largest cities have female mayors.

Analysis

Since 1993, Vermont has fallen 36 places in Representation2020's Gender Parity Index. In 1993, Vermont had a Gender Parity Score of 19.4 and the state ranked 7th in the U.S.

Did you know?

Consuelo N. Bailey became the first woman to hold the lieutenant governor's office anywhere in the United States when she was elected in Vermont in 1954. Among many other firsts, Bailey was the first Vermont woman admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court (in 1933).

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	0 of 2	0
House of Representatives	0 of 1	0

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	1
Statewide executive offices	1 of 6	9

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	9 of 30 (30%)	11 of 30 (37%)
House	65 of 150 (43%)	50 of 150 (33%)
Total	41%	34%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 2nd

Method of election: The State House of Representatives has some single-winner districts and some two-member districts. The Senate has districts varying in magnitude from one to six members.